

WASHINGTON NOTES

Report of Agricultural Department on Milking Machines.

ODDITIES OF THE SENATE

Senator Daniels Amuses Pages By Writing Name with Both Hands—Nicknames of Senators Are Many And Varied.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 14.—If the successful experiments lately conducted by the Agricultural Department are taken up by the farmers and dairymen of the country and put into practical operation, the picturesque dairy raid will be a thing of the past and all the romance and poetry of life "down on the farm" will become nothing but a blissful memory of happy days that are gone.

The experts of the department, who are never happy unless investigating something have been devoting much of their time lately to the solution of the problem of the application of labor saving machinery in the milking of cows. And these experts seem to have solved the problem, at least to their own satisfaction. The department has just issued a bulletin, profusely illustrated treating upon the subject. It deals with the foot-power milker and the power milker, gives practical advice regarding these appliances and shows how they lead to a reduction in the cost of operating dairies, tend to cleanliness and are harbingers of that period of industrial activity in the milk business where the dairyman is bound to become more and more independent.

Some idea of the cost of an equipment may be gained from the statement that an outfit sufficient to milk a herd of cows of 40 head, including a two-horse power gasoline engine, is put at \$516. This contemplates four milking machines at a cost of \$75 each. One good careful man, or woman, it is said, can operate four machines, milking eight cows simultaneously, and an additional hand can not only carry away the milk but assist in the work of milking. The operating expenses of the machines is put at an additional sum as the power used may be either steam, electricity or gasoline.

In 1876, Dr. Richard Bartholdt, the present representative in Congress from St. Louis, was a reporter in Brooklyn, New York, on the Free Press, a German daily. Joseph C. Hendricks, was a reporter at the same time on the New York Sun and the two young men became fast friends. Eventually Mr. Bartholdt went to St. Louis and continued his newspaper work, finally becoming the editor of one of the influential journals there. While in St. Louis he lost of Hendricks entirely.

In 1895 Mr. Bartholdt was elected to Congress and Cleveland called that Congress in extraordinary session to repeal the Sherman silver purchasing act. In the lottery for seats, Mr. Bartholdt, his name having been called, was wandering about the hall looking for a desk when he happened to spy his old reportorial friend, Hendricks, doing the same thing as he was—looking for a seat. After they had recovered from their mutual surprise and obtained their seats the two new members of the House began to compare notes. Hendricks, it appeared had been elected to the school board and ultimately became president of the body. From that position he had been sent to Congress. Bartholdt, too, had been elected a member of the school board in St. Louis and his services were so much thought of that he, too, had been made the board's president. Following his term as the head of educational matters of his city, Mr. Bartholdt was sent to Congress.

"And there" said Mr. Bartholdt as he related this story a few days ago, "the parallel ends. Mr. Hendricks left Congress to take the presidency of a big trust company in New York as a salary of \$25,000 a year. Poor fellow, he is dead now. I'm still here in Congress

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